

Fees and charges overview

What are the fees and charges?

Each year Council sets fees and charges for a range of services delivered by Council. The following areas are covered:

- Alcohol licencing
- Animal Services
- Building Services
- Compliance
- Environmental health
- Housing Care (Note these fees have been the subject of a separate consultation and have already been adopted – they are included in the schedule for information only)
- Venues and Event Sevices
- Libraries and Archives
- Miscellaneous
- Parks and Reserves
- Public Transport
- Pools
- Public Toilets
- Resource Management
- Roding
- Sewerage
- Solid Waste
- Southland Museum and Art Gallery
- Water

What is being proposed?

Alcohol Licencing	No changes are proposed.
Animal Services	<p>No changes are proposed to the dog control fees and infringements as these are in line by those set by other Territorial Authorities.</p> <p>Property inspection fees will be increased to cover costs of administering the service.</p> <p>A 50% late fee for dog registration is proposed after 1 September to replace the 1 November 25% late fee. This is to bring Council into line with fees set by Southland District Council and Gore District Council.</p> <p>It is proposed to increase the surrender fee to cover euthanasia costs.</p>

	<p>Vet charges have not previously been listed – it is proposed these will be charged at cost. After hours release and stock call out fees will also be added to recover costs.</p>
Building control	<p>The majority of building control fees will increase by 5% in line with the increase in rates.</p> <p>Fees set under the Building Act and those set centrally by MBIE will not be amended.</p> <p>Some fees are no longer required, such as the PSA register fee which we no longer administer. These will be removed.</p>
Parking compliance	<p>No changes are proposed.</p>
Environmental Health	<p>It is proposed that the majority of fees will increase by 5% in line with the forecast increase for 2021/2022 rates.</p> <p>Some fees for health licences and venue licences will not increase as they are covering costs or are utilised only very rarely.</p>
Housing care	<p>Housing care rental fees have been the subject of a separate consultation – these fees are included here for information only. Council agreed on 2 March 2021 to increase the fees by 35% in two equal increments over two years.</p>
Invercargill Airport Limited	<p>There is no requirement on Council to consult on the fees charged by a Council controlled organisation and these fees have been removed from the schedule.</p>
Venues Services	<p>No changes are proposed for 2021/2022. This will allow Venues and Events Service time to better understand the impact of Covid which they will consider in setting fees for 2022/2023.</p>
Libraries and archives	<p>Some increases are proposed to charges such as book mending, holds, overdue/ extended loan fees and hot picks to better reflect costs and/or bring fees into line with other regions.</p> <p>A decrease in the cost of DVD rentals to encourage use of this service is proposed.</p>
Miscellaneous	<p>Changes are proposed to the fees for rates postponement fees to more accurately reflect</p>

	<p>the cost to Council, including reducing the interest fee charged.</p>
Parks	<p>The majority of fees and charges would rise by 5% in line with forecast rates increases for 2021/2022.</p> <p>It is proposed to remove fees for using the park for a picnic, wedding or similar event in order to encourage use of the parks and reduce administration costs.</p> <p>The car park maintenance fee for Surrey Park will be removed and will be dealt with under leases with the relevant organisations.</p> <p>A new container fee is proposed for Sandy Point to discourage use of containers.</p> <p>It is proposed to change the charge for crib sites at Sandy Point to a level in line with the market appraisal in order to better reflect the real value.</p> <p>It is proposed to remove the fees for hire of plants from McIvor Road Nursery as this is not a service the public has demand for.</p> <p>A change to the standard hours of burial and cremation from 1pm Saturday to 12noon Saturday in order to align with the actual shift hours.</p> <p>A new out of hours fee for Saturday burials is proposed to recover costs.</p> <p>A maintenance fee is proposed on spouse burials within the ex-serviceman's area of the cemetery. This reflects the fact that the cost is not covered by the RSA.</p> <p>An increase to chapel fees for cremations is proposed to reflect market prices.</p> <p>New charges for the Bluff Boat ramp are proposed – these would be implemented following completion of the boat ramp.</p>
Passenger Transport	<p>No changes to fees are proposed.</p>
Pools	<p>No change are proposed to the fees for existing pool services. New charges are proposed for</p>

	<p>the new hydroslide. Note that the hydroslide fees are on top of the swim admission fees.</p>
Public Toilets	<p>No changes are proposed.</p>
Resource Management	<p>A 5% increase for the majority of fees are proposed, in line with the forecast rates increase for 2021/2022.</p> <p>Three certificates which were omitted from 2020/2021 fees schedule have been added.</p>
Roading	<p>Increases to charges for corridor access request, minor events, digging in the road corridor without a permit, NGA connections and roadside grazing/ dust suppressant are proposed in order to cover costs.</p> <p>New charges are proposed for on street parking in line with the new parking technology being implemented.</p>
Sewerage	<p>Increases to charges for tanker waste are proposed to cover the cost to install and run the new tanker waste screen plant and equipment.</p> <p>Increases to trade waste bylaw fees are proposed to cover the cost to treat.</p>
Solid Waste	<p>Increases to solid waste fees are proposed to cover increasing costs as a result of the emission trading scheme, waste disposal levy, contract escalation and fewer commercial operators using the facility.</p>
Southland Museum and Art Gallery	<p>No changes are proposed.</p>
Water Supply	<p>The fees and charges for water have been simplified.</p> <p>There is now one charging rate for excess usage proposed – Class C: Extraordinary consumers off reticulation which covers all takes over 250 m³.</p> <p>Class D, G and H customers charges have been set at the same level, which is the same level as tanker sales.</p> <p>Other fees including water connection charges for a range of different circumstances are</p>

	<p>proposed to increase by 5% in line with the proposed rates increase.</p> <p>A full review of water fees is being undertaken the results of which will be incorporated in the 2022/2023 fees schedule.</p>
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Why is Council consulting?

Each year the Council asks for community feedback on its proposed fees and charges to inform its decision making. A period of consultation is required under the Local Government Act.

Who can I contact for more detail?

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Can I speak to Councillors about the proposed changes to fees and charges?

Councillors will be hosting engagement events over the time of the consultation. This is an opportunity to come along and discuss issues with the Councillors face to face, kanohi ki te kanohi.

Check the LTP events page of the website for details of events.

If you submit on the policy there is also an opportunity to be heard. Hearings will take place on 11, 12, 13 May 2021. Make sure to note in your submission whether you wish to be heard.

How can I submit?

You can submit online at icc.govt.nz/roadmaprenewal/submit/

Alternatively, you can collect a submission form from the front desk at the Council building, 101 Esk Street, from the Bluff Service Centre, from Splash Palace, or from the Invercargill Public Library.

If you would like a submission form delivered to your house, please contact Georgia Woodward georgia.woodward@icc.govt.nz, 03 211 1454